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Application No.: 09/956,910

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| In re: |) | |
| U.S. Patent Application of Hartwig et al. |) | Examiner: Annan Q. Shang |
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| Application No. 09/956,910 |) | Art Unit: 2623 |
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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR |) | Attorney Docket No.: 004770.01183 |
| INHIBITING FUNCTIONS OF AN |) | |
| ELECTRONIC DEVICE |) | |
| ACCORDING TO PREDEFINED |) | |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated May 15, 2008. The Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making this response due on or before August 15, 2008. Applicant believes there is no fee associated with the filing of this response, however, should there be a fee due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 15.